Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 28 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 29 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Friday 28 Jan 2022 at 02:33 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for windy, changeable conditions over the coming days. High also for persistent rainfall on Friday and Saturday. Low confidence for details on Sunday with large changes in the forecast possible.

Headline for Friday 28 Jan 2022: Poor visibility, persistent rain or drizzle and widespread gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 28 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Mist	Sleet	Drizzle	Drizzle	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability					
10%	30%	70%	90%	80%	>95%

Forecast for Friday 28 Jan 2022

Weather: It will be a cloudy start with wet weather soon arriving, this falling as sleet initially above munro level. Rain and drizzle will become persistent across all areas, occasionally heavy on west facing slopes.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Virtually no chance.

Low Cloud and visibility: Low cloud, initially patchy above 800m will soon become extensive across all areas and lower towards 300-400m. Any breaks will be fleeting and unreliable. This cloud along with persistent rain and drizzle will lead to fog conditions for all but lowest slopes and even glens are likely to turn rather hazy.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/38 S	38/47 SW	45/57 SW	49/63 SW	49/63 SW	51/66 SW	53/69 SW
900	23/28 SW	28/37 SW	29/39 SW	33/46 SW	33/46 SW	31/43 SW	33/47 SW
600	28/34 S	38/46 SW	39/50 SW	43/56 SW	38/51 SW	35/49 SW	37/52 SW
300	12/16 S	18/28 S	23/34 SW	25/37 SW	23/36 SW	23/34 SW	22/34 SW
Glen	6/13 SW	11/24 SW	18/35 SW	18/36 SW	15/32 SW	14/31 SW	15/33 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-2/-11	-2/-12	-0/-10	2/-7	3/-5	3/-5	3/-5
900	0/-7	0/-8	1/-6	3/-4	4/-2	5/-2	5/-2
600	2/-4	3/-5	4/-4	6/-1	7/0	7/1	7/1
300	5/1	5/0	5/0	7/2	8/4	8/4	8/4
Glen	5/3	7/3	7/3	9/5	10/6	10/7	10/7
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	1300m	2000m	2000m	2600m	2500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

A day of multiple hazards. Strong winds and persistent rain combining to bring a very real risk of cold weather exposure. Wind strengths will make progress slow, arduous and perhaps dangerous.

Forecast for Saturday 29 Jan 2022

Weather: Heavy rain and storm force winds continuing into the small hours of Saturday as a cold front sinks southeast. This then gives way to colder conditions and scattered snow and hail showers by mid morning. Bitterly cold. Largely dry with clear spells to end the day.

Maximum wind: West 50-60mph gusting 75mph, veering Northwest 30-40mph gusting 55mph through morning, easing through evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 10% improving 70% by afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud above 500-600m will clear from the northwest through morning. Passing snow showers, mainly affecting northern Lochaber, will bring areas of cloud down to 500m or so along with near whiteout conditions. Few if any showers reaching Loch Lomond area with plenty of sunshine here.

Temperature: **Glens:** Mild initially, around plus 10 Celsius, falling to 5 or 6 Celsius through the day.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius quickly falling to minus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits, falling to 600m by midday.

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